# REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

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| Date of entry in Register: | 24 September 2004 |
| Name of applicant/court: | Secretary for Internal Affairs |
| Applicant to the Labelling Body: | Not Applicable |
| Title of Publication: | Petite No. 50 March 2004 |
| Other Known Title(s): | Petite #50 |
| Director(s): | Not Applicable |
| Producer(s): | Not Applicable |
| Publisher: | Gent Publications Inc. |
| Editor: | Ross Williams |
| Format: | Magazine |
| Country of Origin: | USA |
| Language(s): | English |

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**Components of film originally examined:** Not Applicable.

Feature: Running Time:

Trailers: Running Time:

Total Running Time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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**SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:**

The magazine entitled *Petite No. 50 March 2004* is classified as:
Objectionable.

This is because the magazine tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes as specified under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act). The magazine explicitly depicts young women engaging in sexual activity, or posing naked in sexualised positions, for the purposes of sexual arousal. It also contains letters, stories and advertisements that add to this effect. While it is stated that the models are aged 18 or 19, in other respects the magazine contrives to present them as being younger than this, with some models appearing to be aged in their mid teens. In doing this, the magazine puts forward a notion that young persons are legitimate and willing sexual partners for adult men and thereby exploits young persons in general.

As the publication meets criteria listed in s3(2) of the FVPC Act, it is deemed to be objectionable. The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 has been considered in relation to the classification of this publication. The classification of "objectionable" interferes with the freedom of expression. However, in relation to this publication, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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